

Concord, June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1873.

Dear Miss Chandler,

I am uncertain whether  
you see the Spring (Sat.) Republican  
which chronicles the local news  
for us, especially. I enclose  
Lathorn's notice of Mr. Emerson's  
reception by his friends and  
townspeople on his return  
from Europe last Tuesday.

Nothing could be more  
charming, and all the more  
that the whole was a surprise  
to him. It was beautiful  
to see with what modesty and  
humility he met and shake  
this admiring neighborhood at  
his gate. One little village  
became suddenly exalted and  
glorified thereby. Ellen's  
face beamed upon them,  
the type of bliss personified.  
Both appear in excellent

health only browned by  
travel.

Emerson met many friends in  
England - Carlyle, Browning,  
Wells, May Mader, Froude,  
Lord and Lady Aberdeen. He  
expressed himself greatly pleased  
with the perfect restoration  
of his house - says "it is the  
best in the north." All was  
finished to the front gates  
the day before his return.

I have had but a half  
hour with him yet.

And now that he is come and  
the apple blossom, what hinders  
my friend at the Plains from  
making his usual visit during  
the season of beauty and bloom?  
Nothing on our part but a  
housekeeper, who don't come  
when she does, then for the  
expected pleasures! —

Louisa's story is done.  
and May write from the  
London Art-Gallery, delightfully.

Meanwhile and

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. Ellen A. Benson

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